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**Amendment of Claims:**

A listing of the entire set of pending claims (including amendments to the claims, if any) is submitted herewith per 37 CFR 1.121. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1-4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously presented) An appliance, comprising:

a controller and a receiver connected thereto and effective to receive an ID device identifier;

a network interface connectable to a relay server corresponding to the ID device identifier;

the controller being programmed to:

transmit data responsive to the identifier to the relay server, and

receive a profile address in response from the relay server;

the controller being further programmed to access profile data on the profile server.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) A method as in claim 6 9, wherein

each of the first remote device and the second remote device correspond to a portable device.

8. (Canceled)

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9. (Currently amended) A method as in claim 6 of controlling the operation of an appliance, comprising:

receiving, at an appliance, first access data from a first remote device, the access data providing network access to first configuration data;

receiving at the appliance at least a portion of the first configuration data via the network;

configuring the appliance responsive to the first configuration data;

receiving, at the appliance, second access data to the appliance from a second remote device, the second access data providing network access to second configuration data;

receiving at the appliance at least a portion of the second configuration data;

reconfiguring the appliance responsive to the second configuration data, wherein:

receiving at least the portion of the first configuration data includes

receiving first relay data responsive to a network server identified in the first access data,

receiving profile data made accessible via the network by the first relay data; and

receiving at least the portion of the second configuration data includes

receiving second relay data responsive to a network server identified in the second access data, and

receiving profile data made accessible via the network by the second relay data.

10. (Currently amended) A method as in claim 6 or 9, wherein:

the each of the first and second remote devices corresponds to a radio frequency identification device.

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11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 10, wherein  
delivering the first and second access data includes co-locating the radio  
frequency identification device with the appliance.

13. (Currently amended) A method as in claim-69, wherein  
receiving at least the portion of the first configuration data includes  
receiving a portion of profile data including data relating to the appliance  
and data relating to another type of appliance.

14. (Previously presented) A method of controlling an appliance, comprising:  
receiving an address of a relay server from a remote device,  
transmitting a first request to the relay server,  
receiving an address of a profile server from the relay server,  
transmitting a second request to the profile server,  
receiving a profile from the profile server, and  
controlling the appliance in dependence upon the profile.

15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein  
the remote device is a radio-frequency identification device.

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, further including  
receiving an address of an other relay server from another remote device,  
transmitting a third request to the other relay server,  
receiving an address of an other profile server from the other relay server,  
transmitting a fourth request to the other profile server,  
receiving an other profile from the other profile server, and  
controlling the appliance in dependence upon the other profile.